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SUBJECT: JUNE 2008 SECURITY COUNCIL THEMATIC DEBATE --  
INVITATION LETTERS TO THE AUSTRIAN AND LIBERIAN FOREIGN  
MINISTERS TO DELIVER REMARKS

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¶1. For Embassies Vienna and Monrovia:  
Please deliver the following letters to Foreign Minister  
Plassnik of Austria and Foreign Minister King-Akerele of  
Liberia. No signed originals will be forthcoming. Reftel  
gives details about the June 19 Security Council  
thematic debate on sexual violence in conflict and  
post-conflict situations, which the Secretary will chair.

¶2. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER TO FM PLASSNIK:

Dear Madam Minister:

You may know that I have invited the foreign ministers of  
the Security Council to a June 19 Security Council public  
thematic debate on sexual violence in conflict and  
post-conflict situations. I am pleased to be chairing  
that meeting, as the Women Leaders Working Group has  
always placed a high priority on addressing issues related  
to women, peace, and security. I hope that the June 19  
Security Council debate will provide additional insights  
on how to address the problem of sexual violence in  
situations of armed conflict.

Given your role as co-chair of the Women Leaders Working  
Group, I would be very pleased if you would consider  
attending the June 19 event and delivering remarks.  
Your thoughts on issues relating to women and conflict  
situations would be contribute greatly to the discussion.

Sincerely,  
Condoleezza Rice

End text.

¶3. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER TO FM KING-AKERELE:

Dear Madam Minister:

You may know that I have invited the foreign ministers of  
the Security Council to a June 19 Security Council public  
thematic debate on sexual violence in conflict and  
post-conflict situations. I am pleased to be chairing  
that meeting, as the Women Leaders Working Group has  
always placed a high priority on addressing issues related  
to women, peace, and security. I hope that the June 19  
Security Council debate will provide additional insights  
on how to address the problem of sexual violence in  
situations of armed conflict.

I would be very pleased if you would consider attending  
the June 19 event and delivering remarks. In light of  
your country's laudable efforts to grapple with the problem  
of sexual violence within its borders, your thoughts on issues  
related to women and conflict situations would contribute

greatly to the discussion.

Sincerely,  
Condoleezza Rice

End text.  
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